

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Florida
Division of Chesapeake Utilities
Corporation for approval to
issue common stock and secured
and/or unsecured debt and to
exceed limitation placed on
short-term borrowings in 1999.

DOCKET NO. 981213-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-99-1540-FOF-GU
ISSUED: August 4, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER GRANTING PETITION BY CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR
MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO ISSUE COMMON STOCK DURING THE TWELVE
MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 23, 1998, the Florida Division of Chesapeake
Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake or the Company) filed an
application seeking Commission approval to issue and sell equity
securities and short-term obligations during the calendar year
1999.

Chesapeake sought authority to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of
common stock, \$70,000,000 in long-term secured and/or unsecured
debt and \$40,000,000 of short-term borrowings pursuant to section
366.04, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-8, Florida Administrative
Code. The Company proposed to issue up to 731,034 new shares of
its common stock for the purpose of administering its Retirement
Savings Plan, Performance Incentive Plan, Automatic Dividend
Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan and conversion of the
Company's Convertible Debentures. Reserved for issuance pursuant
to the Company's Retirement Savings Plan were 45,082 shares of
common stock. Chesapeake's financial condition indicated that the

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issuance and sale of the securities as described in the original application would not impair the ability of Chesapeake to perform the services of a public utility. We approved the Company's application in Order No. PSC-98-1678-FOF-GU, issued December 10, 1998.

On June 25, 1999, Chesapeake filed the instant Petition for Modification of Authority to Issue Common Stock During the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1999. In this petition, Chesapeake seeks authority to issue up to 50,000 new shares of common stock in addition to the 45,082 shares of common stock previously approved for its Retirement Savings Plan in 1999.

The Company is not requesting a change in the aggregate amount of stock we approved in Order No. PSC-98-1678-FOF-GU, issued December 10, 1998. It is requesting that we approve the issuance of additional stock in order to allow Chesapeake to administer its Retirement Savings Plan. The Company asserts that there have been no major changes in its financial position since the filing of its earlier petition for 1999.

Based upon the representations in its petition, we believe that Chesapeake's Petition for Modification of Authority to Issue Common Stock During the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1999, would not impair Chesapeake's ability to perform the services of a public utility. Therefore, we grant Chesapeake's petition.


It is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition by Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for Modification of Authority to Issue Common Stock During the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1999, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open until April 15, 2000, for monitoring and to allow the company time to file the required Consummation Report.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 4th day
of August, 1999.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.